

## WHEN A JOKE IS NOT A JOKE.

He heard a joke.  
A millionaire  
Was blandly telling it,  
And he, with all the others there,  
Thought it the best of wit.  
They laughed, they roared, they held their  
sides  
At almost every word;  
They vowed: "In that joke humor hides—  
The best we ever heard!"

He heard a joke.  
It was the same  
The millionaire had told;  
The father of his latest flake  
The rare bon mot, unrolled  
And O, he laughed! His eyes were wet  
With jolly tears—and then  
He said: "That is the best joke yet!  
Please tell it once again!"

He heard a joke.  
The same, once more—  
This time, it was his boss  
Whose face a merry dimple wore.  
Who gave his head a toss  
And told the witicism through.  
And he? He fairly screamed:  
"Ha, ha! Such men—ha, ha!—as you  
Know jokes!" For so it seemed.

He heard a joke.  
The same one—yes.  
An after-dinner star  
Arose, in fullest evening dress,  
With aspect jocular.  
And told that joke. What did he do?  
He pounded on his plate.  
And told his neighbor: "Now, that's new!  
That orator is great!"

He heard a joke.  
The same old joke.  
This time his bosom friend  
Came chuckling, gave his ribs a poke,  
And told it to the end.  
He gave his friend a look of scorn,  
And solemnly he scowled.  
"That joke was old when you were born,"  
In crushing tones he growled.  
—W. D. N., in Chicago Daily Tribune.

Amazing Things  
Bears Will Do

"IT WASN'T a very big doe," said the man from the Knob county, "but it was dead, and Sam and Dick knew it couldn't 'a' walked away from their cabin, consequently it must 'a' been took, so they meandered out to see if they couldn't get some kind of a trail that'd show some light on its disappearin'."

"Sam, he hadn't said a word about meanderin' in that direction, neither had Dick, but somehow or other they both headed to'd Jerry's cabin. When they got there Jerry was home, and he was skinning out the doe."

"Looks to me Jerry," says Sam, "as if it'd have to go back."

"Jerry he looks up, jest as if he hadn't never been so surprised in all his born days, and he says:

"Why, what'll have to go back, Sam?" says he.

"The doe," says Sam.

"The doe?" says Jerry, seemin'ly more surprised than ever. "Why, what fer, Sam?" says he.

"It was took," says Sam.

"Took!" says Jerry, painful like. "Sam," says he, "not stole! You don't mean to say you've an idee she stole it, have you?" says he.

"Sam and Dick looked as if they didn't exactly understand Jerry, but potty soon Sam says:

"It was took," says he. "And looks to me as if it'd have to go back," says he.

"Then Jerry he wilted down on the bench, throwed his hands up'ards and 'most bust out a sobbin'."

"This is heart-breakin'!" says he. "To think that she'd 'a' stole it! And me a-praisin' her and a-thinkin' her, supposin' of course that she had run it down her own self and brung it to me! And now to think that she'd 'a' stole it! This is heart-breakin'! Do you think you got the right idee, Sam?" says Jerry.

"Sam and Dick looked as if they didn't understand Jerry any better than they did before, but potty soon Sam says:

"It was took," says he, "and looks to me as if it'd have to go back," says he.

"Jerry he shook his head sorrowful, and lifted a sigh like anybody would that had got a terrible blow, and he says:

"I dunno how under the blue canopy o' the archin' skies I ever let myself run so shy o' meat," says he, "but yesterday afternoon I see that I didn't have a smitch, so I cut sticks fer the turnpike, seein' that I had jest about time to ketch the tannery back wagon gittin' in, so as I could tell the driver to fetch me in a ham from the store when he come in next mornin', and leave if fer me in the hemlock stub so as I could go down an git it."

"I had about a mile an a half to go yit, when I come slam up ag'in a bear in an openin' in the woods, and the bear stood still and seemed like it was waitin' fer me. I didn't have no gun, and I was in a hurry, fer if I didn't hurry I'd miss the bark wagon, and then I couldn't get no ham fer two days, and I didn't have no time to go huntin' fer meat, with that bark-peelin' contract on my hands, so bears wasn't jest the thing fer me to stop and fool with jest then."

"I shied off to one side to pass the bear, but as I was goin' by her I ketched her eye, and it struck me that there was a queer look in it. I stopped, and the bear turned that queer look on me full tilt, and then looked over to'd a saplin' that stood off by itself about 20 foot away."

"Then she looked back at me ag'in, and then at the tree. I didn't see nothin' in the performance, though, to make it worth while fer me to miss gittin' that ham, and I started on."

"Then the bear give me the look ag'in, and fell onto her knees. She got up and walked to'd the saplin', lookin' back over her shoulder at me as she went, jest as if she was askin' me to follow her."

"When she got to the foot o' the saplin' she stopped and throwed her eyes up into it. I looked up, too, and then I see what it all meant."

"Nigh the top o' the saplin', clinkin' to a limb, was a catamount—an all-slammin' tremendous big and ugly one—with a little bear cub in each claw, glarin' down at me and the bear."

"The catamount had stole the bear's cubs and skited up the tree with 'em. The tree was too small for the bear to climb, and the catamount didn't dast come down, knowin' that the bear 'd make short work of it—and the poor mother

bear wanted me to rescue them young uns o' her'n."

"That was the hull situation, as I figgered it out in a jiffy. I fergot all about the ham, I was so tetchy by the longin' o' the poor mother bear, and so all pervadin' mad at the kidnappin' catamount."

"I throwed off my coat, and up that saplin' I shinned. I wasn't long gettin' to where the catamount was crouchin', glarin' at me as I come, and spittin' and growlin' enough to skeer a red injin, but holdin' on to the whinin' bear cubs like grim death."

"The varmint couldn't climb any higher, an' seein' she couldn't skeer me back, she thought she'd do better to take the chances for a jump than to git into my clutch, and she aimed fer a branch o' a tree off to one side o' the one we was in, and away she went. The jump was more than she could land, and down she went, still clutchin' the cubs, kerpunk on the ground."

"Before I could git down out o' the tree the old bear had slatterned the catamount into shoestrings, and was jest more than tickled over gittin' her cubs back."

"She didn't have to have the gift of gab to thank me. She looked it more than words could tell it."

"When I got to the ground I think about that ham I was needin', and I kin see the sorrowin' look on that old bear's face now when I cussed the luck and holiered."

"I never kin ketch that wagon now! Never! And I won't have nothin' to eat fer a week!"

"I steaked it for the turnpike, anyhow, hopin' I mowt ketch the wagon, but when I got there I heered it rumblin' down the road, half a mile beyond any kind o' hearin'. I come back here mad and tired and hungry and cussed bears and catamounts all night."

"I was foolin' round in here this forenoon, when I heerd a scratchin' sort of a knock come to the door. I opened it, and I most fell in a faint when I see that old bear standin' there with that doe over her shoulder."

"As soon as she seen me she laid the doe down, give me a look that there wa'n't no mistakin' and trotted off into the woods. I was tetchy to the heart."

"Gratitude!" says I, "Sorrowin' because she had knocked me out o' gittin' my meat and swellin' with gratitude 'cause I saved her cubs fer her, she has gone and run down a nice fat doe and brung it to me! 'Arthstone!' I says."

"And I drug the doe in and was musin' on the tetchin' circumstance as I skinned it out, and now to think she stole it! Me supposin' she had run it down herself and brung it to me, and now to think she stole it!"

"This is heart-breakin'! Where do you s'pose she stole it, Sam?"

"Where do you s'pose she could 'a', Dick?" says Sam.

"The unblushin' critter!" says Dick. "She knows!" says he.

"Yes," says Sam. "And Jerry," says he, "the thing fer you to do is to whisper in her ear that unless she lugs that doe back and hangs it on the peg where she snaked it from, there'll be more than kidnappin' catamounts prowlin' round and pouncin' in these woods!" says he.

"Then Sam and Dick went in the woods to see how the signs fer game was keepin' up, and when they got back to their cabin along in the afternoon, lo and behold ye! there the doe hung!"

"Dick," says Sam, "what amazin' things bears does do!" says he.

"Amazin' est kind!" says Dick.

"And poor Jerry was weighted down so under the heft o' woe that disapp'intin' she bear had give him that he throwed up his peelin' contract and went to raftin' up on the headwaters."—N. Y. Sun.

STEAM VS. ELECTRICITY.

Rate Cuts to Meet Competition of Trolley Found by Railroad Managers to Be Futile.

The steam railroads vary greatly in their attitude toward electric competition, but it has been almost the uniform experience of railroad managers, east and west, that rate cuts to meet electric competition are quite futile, says Ray Morris, in Atlantic. Electric transportation handles traffic in small units. The power house is the locomotive, and it can haul ten single cars as easily as it can a train of ten cars coupled together—more easily, in fact. But in steam service, to reverse the figure of speech, each transportation unit must have its own power house. Disregarding technical refinements, it may be said that it would cost a steam railroad five times as much to run an hourly, single-car train during a 15-hour day as it would to run three five-car trains. That is the primary reason on the side of absolute cost which makes it impossible for a steam road to compete with an electric road for light short-haul traffic.

Strings of Noses.

In a paper read by a Miss Adele M. Fiedle before the section of biology of the New York Academy of Sciences, the joints composing the antennae of ants were described as a series of noses, each having a special function. The first joint distinguishes the ant's native nest from the nest of an enemy; the second discriminates between the odor of ants of different colonies, but of the same species; the third discerns the scent of the track left by the ant's own feet, and enables it to return over its route; the fourth and fifth joints discover the distinctive odor of the larvae, and if removed disable the ant from caring for the young in a nest; the sixth and seventh joints make known the presence of an ant of different species. Only after these joints are developed will ants of different species fight one another.

Foot Races in Manchuria.

The Russian soldiers departing for the front get so much more applause than those coming back from the front. But the returning ones prove faster, says the Baltimore Sun.

## STRATEGY THAT SUCCEEDED

One Way to Get a Woman to Take Her Hat Off in a Theater.

She sailed down the aisle just before the curtain rose for the matinee, an elegantly dressed woman of middle age and more, wearing a broad black hat with a long, curving feather on it. She took a seat in front of two young women and gave not the slightest intimation of removing that marvelous tower of headgear, relates the Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Pardon me, but would you mind removing your hat?"

This request apparently made not the slightest impression on the owner of the handsome plume, and a few minutes later the second young woman asked, in a tone somewhat louder than that of her companion:

"Would you please be so kind as to take off your hat?"

The offender moved her head slightly, but otherwise gave no response. The victims of fashion were silent for a few minutes and then one of them was heard to say very distinctly to her friend:

"Oh, well, perhaps she is a little bald. That, of course, explains it. Don't think of asking her again."

The woman with the hat started, and before the speaker had finished the offense was removed.

## RECEIVED COLD TREATMENT

Only Use Theatrical Manager Could Make of Embryotic Melodrama.

George Ade, at a recent banquet, was asked to speak on success, relates Success. "I suppose that failure is more familiar than success to all of us," he said. "We work away. Four things fail. The fifth thing succeeds. The hardest workers have the most failures, but then they have the most successes, too."

"One of my early failures was a melodrama that I traveled all the way from Chicago to New York to sell to a manager. This was in my youth, when I had confidence in myself. The manager returned my melodrama. He said he didn't care for it."

"I pointed out the merits in it which he had overlooked. I proved that he would make a great mistake if he should not accept this work. But he shook his head. 'Can't you use it at all?' I asked, desperately."

"Well," he said, "I might grind it up and use it for a snowstorm."

Old Soldier's Story.

Sonoma, Mich., June 13.—That even in actual warfare disease is more terrible than bullets is the experience of Delos Hutchins, of this place. Mr. Hutchins as a Union Soldier saw three years of service under Gen. Sherman in the Louisiana swamps, and as a result got crippled with Rheumatism so that his hands and feet got all twisted out of shape, and how he suffered only a Rheumatic will ever know.

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Oriental Pun.

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Heavy steers 5 60 @ 5 75  
CALVES—Extra 5 50 @ 5 75  
HOGS—Ch. packers 5 10 @ 5 20  
Mixed packers 4 95 @ 5 15  
SHEEP—Extra 4 15 @ 4 30  
LAMBS—Spring 4 15 @ 7 35  
FLOUR—Spring pat. 5 10 @ 5 40  
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 03 @ 1 05 1/2  
No. 3 winter 1 00 @ 1 00  
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 43 1/2 @ 50  
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 43 1/2 @ 48 1/2  
RYE—No. 2 79 @ 80  
HAY—Ca. timothy 14 00 @ 14 00  
PORK—Clear family 14 80 @ 14 80  
LARD—Steam 6 75 @ 6 75  
BUTTER—Ch. dairy 11 @ 11  
Choice creamery 13 1/2 @ 13 1/2  
APPLES—Choice 2 75 @ 3 25  
POTATOES—Per bbl 4 00 @ 4 25  
TOMATOES—New 5 25 @ 12 25  
Old 4 75 @ 14 50

Chicago.

FLOUR—Winter pat. 4 70 @ 4 80  
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 01 @ 1 02  
No. 3 spring 85 @ 93  
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 48 1/2 @ 48 1/2  
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 41 1/2 @ 41 1/2  
RYE—No. 2 75 @ 75  
PORK—Mess 12 35 @ 12 40  
LARD—Steam 6 67 1/2 @ 6 70

New York.

FLOUR—Win. st. 4 85 @ 5 00  
WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 09 1/2 @ 1 09 1/2  
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 45 @ 47  
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 45 @ 47  
RYE—Western 70 @ 70  
PORK—Family 14 00 @ 14 00  
LARD—Steam 7 05 @ 7 05

Baltimore.

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 02 @ 1 02  
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 52 1/2 @ 52 1/2  
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 41 @ 41  
CATTLE—Steers 5 45 @ 5 60  
HOGS—Western 5 30 @ 5 35

Louisville.

WHEAT—No. 2 red. 1 09 @ 1 09  
CORN—No. 2 mixed. 53 1/2 @ 53 1/2  
OATS—No. 2 mixed. 44 @ 44  
PORK—Mess 12 50 @ 12 50  
LARD—Steam 7 50 @ 7 50

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